

Home Visiting Program

Virginia

Virginia Home Visiting Consortium is funded in part through federal investments from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Home Visiting Program), and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children.

The Home Visiting Program, which builds upon decades of scientific research, provides voluntary, culturally-appropriate, individually-tailored supports to families in their homes, including providing information about children's health, development, and safety, and when appropriate, referrals to support services.

Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2014, home visitors in Virginia:

- Made 16,542 home visits to 2,085 parents and children in 1,245 families
- Enrolled 1,108 new parents and children to the program
- Served families living in communities in 27 counties across the state, or 20% of Virginia counties

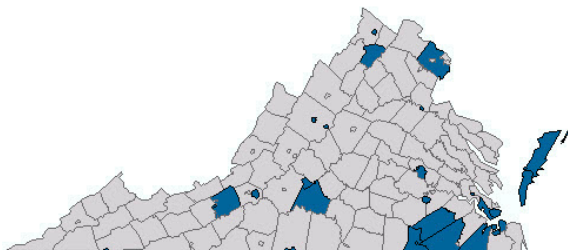
The Home Visiting Program in Virginia:

- Has formed a collaboration between the Virginia Home Visiting Consortium and MIECHV grantee to develop a 5-year plan for sustainability and expansion
- Has developed a childhood mental health collaborative to provide training to early childhood providers including home visitors
- Provides new opportunities for professional development and system infrastructure for home visitors

Like all Home Visiting Program grantees, Virginia uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Virginia leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)

Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the Home Visiting Program (as of February 2015)*:



*Accomack, Bristol City, Campbell, Danville City, Emporia City, Fairfax, Fredericksburg City, Greenville, Hampton City, Lynchburg City, Montgomery, Newport News City, Norfolk City, Northampton, Petersburg City, Portsmouth City, Radford City, Richmond City, Roanoke City, Southampton, Staunton City, Suffolk City, Sussex, Warren, Waynesboro City

More about Virginia:

[Virginia Home Visiting Consortium](#)

[National Survey of Children's Health 2011/2012 Virginia Profile](#)

[Maternal & Child Health Measures and Grants in Virginia](#)

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in close partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The Program supports at-risk pregnant women and families, and helps parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Research shows that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of life improve maternal and child health, prevent child abuse and neglect, increase positive parenting, and enhance child development and school readiness.